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SCDXC Repeater 145.48 MHz. Trans - 600 * DX NET: Thursday, 7:30 PM

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ELECTIONS - THURSDAY JANUARY 14

JANUARY MEETING

The annual election of officers and the business meeting of the SCDXC will take place Jan. 14, 7:30 PM at the DWP. Nominations and election of officers and directors will take place at this meeting. I urge everyone to attend! No excuses!

The Board recommended slate of officers and directors follows:

Edgar, N6OU, for President; Tex, N6AHV, for Vice President; Bob, N6BIC, for Treasurer; Bill, WK6V, Secretary; and Hugh, W6MFC and John, WA6LOD, for directors. The past President fills the third position of director. The Bulletin Editor, Membership Chairman and Repeater Chairman are appointed by the President and also serve on the board. Volunteers are needed to fill the positions of Awards Chairman, Contest Chairman, and Membership Chairman. Contact the next new President if you are interested in helping your club.

Remember, the Board only recommends a slate of officers and directors. Nominations are open for all positions. Also on the agenda will be a review of the 1988 operating budget and a report on the Visalia Convention. If you want a change, if you want a voice in the future of our club, attend this next meeting and VOTE.

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DEADLINE

The deadline for the February issue of the Bulletin is January 29, 1988.

DECEMBER MINUTES

The December Banquet took place Dec. 17 at the Les Freres Taix restaurant in Los Angeles. No formal program or meeting took place. Dinner was served at 7:30 PM with 63 people enjoying the fine food. A reminder about Visalia which is taking place April 22,23, and 24 was given by Red. Fried, WA6WZO and Jay, W6EJJ, spoke about ARRL matters and the recent trip here by the Chinese amateurs. An award was given to the SCDXC from the Chinese. Information on the new country status was given by Fried on P40. Do not submit your card until April 1988.

There were lots of prizes to go around. Jay, W6EJJ, won the grand prize but declined it. The next drawing was a ticket held by Joe, K5KT, who claimed first prize of a new micro 2M handheld. Other winners were: XE2GBY, W6NNV, W6FW, W6FRZ, W6OAU, WB6OKK, N6OU, K6RR, KB6HW, W6PQS, K6RR, W6VZZ, W6ZZ, AA6AT, N6AV, W6OK, K6HAE, K6HMA, W6OES and W6AE.

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DUES DUES DUES ARE DUE

The 1988 membership dues are now due. The cutoff date is March 31, 1988. The rate is $12 a year, payable to the treasurer or membership chairman, and made out to the SCDXC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The last Board meeting of the year met on Dec. 20, at the QTH of Bill, WK6V. Absent were Phil KG6PV, and Ted, W6HX.

A summary of the Christmas Banquet was given by Edgar. There were very few complaints this year over the food. A last minute cancellation by the program speaker for the evening had everyone heading home by 10 PM. Sixty - three members and their spouses attended. $ 975.50 was taken in for the Banquet. $70 was returned to members for refunds and the raffle brought in an additional $351. The prizes were purchased for $447.31. The Treasurer reports as of Dec. 20, we have $1723.81. An additional $500 was given to the Convention committee for seed money. This will be returned to our treasury early this year.

Red, W6AE, explained the current repeater situation and the coverage expected. A San Diego group is using our frequency pair with a PL even though we now reach down South. The situation we now have is still temporary, according to Red.

The DXer of the Year award has all new criteria and a new system of electing that one person who fills those requirements. Forms will be available at the next club meeting and should be returned to Ted, W6HX, as soon as possible. An SASE to the Secretary will also bring you a form if you cannot get to the next meeting. Also, any new members who feel qualified to apply for the Clipperton Award should contact Don, N6IC.

Special thanks to Bill for providing the holiday munchies and the space to meet for this meeting. The next Board meeting will be at Edgar´s QTH in Sylmar on Jan. 28, 7:30 PM.

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REPEATER WOES

The Editor of the Bulletin receives in exchange other club newsletters, and as so often happens, our petty problems are no different than another club´s. I recently received a copy of Northern California´s DX Club newsletter, The DXer. An article and a letter to the editor about their repeater caught my attention. It deserves space in the Bulletin.

Dave Leeson, W6QHS, asks the following questions in his article: "Do we want to expand the repeater coverage? Is it technically feasible? How much should the club pay? Are relay locations available? Who is going to do the work? For better or worse, the repeater shapes the personality of the club, and is often the principal contact among members. Since the major interest of the club members is communicating over long distance, it makes sense to expand our repeater coverage to reach remote members in our territory of interest."

It seems that not everyone within the Northern Cal club can access the repeater. Sound familiar? The letter titled "Let´s not expand our Repeater," written by Morris Brown, N6DJM, also appeared in the same issue of The DXer. I happen to agree with this next portion of Mr. Morris´s letter. I might add that we have less than four percent of a paid membership in the San Diego area.

> The problem seems to center around "convenient access" to the repeater. Is it really the function of the club to provide hand held access to the repeater? It has been shown that members in the outlying areas can improve their access by providing links on their own. Should the club as a whole be responsible for providing "convenient access" to a minority of members which may total as few as 7 per cent and is surely no higher than 25 per cent of membership? This is supposed to be a DX club and not a repeater club. Our main focus should never be a complex hub of expensive to install and maintain repeater links. ... I sure don´t want it to become the California Repeater Club.

I don´t understand why we have to provide repeater coverage to the San Diego DX Club. They should provide their own link to our repeater if they really want to share information. They should, at the very least, join our club if they want to complain. The repeater has been moved three times in the last year, the coverage area changed at least that many times and we still do not have a permanent home or a well defined coverage area. How come?

VIA MODEM FROM N6OU

Here is a list of stores and suppliers who have supported your club during the past year. Support these vendors with your Ham Radio and commercial purchases and let them know you appreciate their support.

Ham Radio Outlet Stores
Van Nuys and Anaheim

Henry Radio
2050 S. Bundy Drive
Los Angeles, California 90025

Jun's Electronics Co.
3919 Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City, California 90230

Western Hardware & Tool Co.
4463 N. Baldwin Ave
El Monte, California 91731
818-442-4556
Klein Tools & Belts

Catalog and Price List available

KH6BZF REPORTS

High bands are expected to be good to excellent during the next week or so. Then active regions are expected to return to the visable Solar Disk, all based on recurrent data predictions...Solar Flux levels (monthly basis) continue to show a steady increase trend based upon both NASA and NOAA/Space Environmental Services data. Based on both their statistical data, best estimates at this writing are for a solar cycle/solar flux peak on/about Feb/March 1990...Are you ready??? Better start preparing!!! Therefore, the bottom of the present cycle (cycle 22) is forecast for the summer (Jul-Aug) 1997!!! Plenty of time... Right?

Forecast: High bands:...MUF's are expected to weaken/decline over the next two weeks. Watch for Stratwarm events to distrube [sic] what are expected to be quiet Geomag activity.

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CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Cushcraft A4, 4 element tribander - 1 year old. Worked very well. $150. Deliver in LA area. Don, W6PQS. 213/ 322-7112.
N6OU has the following items to list: Heathkit Vector Scope Monitor , model IO-1128, unassembled. $40. Frequency meter with power supply. Excellent condition. $10. 818/ 367-6588.

YASME FOUNDATION

A letter received last month from Lloyd and Iris, W6KG and W6QL, show them to be operating from the Kingdom of Nepal. They have permission to operate there in honor of the King's birthday, which was December 29. Look for them from now on.

I heard a report on the NCDXC repeater while on vacation that Lloyd had his wallet stolen almost upon his arrival. We wish him the best of luck.

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AMATEUR RADIO LUNCHEON

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) will present it's 9th Western Conference and Exposition January 26 - 28 at the Disneyland Hotel. Admission to all conference communication equipment exhibits and technical sessions is free. The lunch will be Thursday, Jan. 28, in the Marina Ballroom, Disneyland Hotel. Luncheon price is $20 per person. Lunch will be served at 12:30. The program topic is "Development of Future High-altitude Amateur Radio Satellites. Contact John Browning, W6SP, at 213/544-2543, for further details.

REPEATER INTERFERENCE

Anyone experiencing interference from the San Diego repeater on 145.48 should send the details to Steve Locks, W6FRZ. Keep track of call signs and time of day. Steve's new address is: 8321 Magic Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. 714/841-3211.

CONTEST CALENDAR

Jan	29 - 31	CQ WW 160 M Contest
Jan.	30 - 31	French DX CW Contest
Feb.	20 - 21	ARRL DX CW Contest
Feb.	26 - 28	CQ WW 160 M SSB Contest
Mar.	5 - 6	ARRL DX Phone Contest

ARRL CONTEST COMING UP

The ARRL International DX Test is coming up very soon. We need an all out effort to help put us over the top. All "Big Guns" and "Little Pistols", even modest little apartment stations, should get on and operate. Every point counts. All scores, big and small, should be submitted for SCDXC credit. Full rules for the contest appear on pages 81 - 82 of December 1988 QST.

Contributors this month include QST, CQ, Worldradio, Inside DX, N6OU, AFCEA, The NCDXC DXer, and my XYL, Sheila.